

26 January 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Wolf

1. At his Staff Conference with Assistant Directors on 10 December 1951, the Director indicated that CIA personnel abroad who have become disabled in line of duty should be taken care of as they would if they were in the military service and added that such assistance should apply where disability was incurred in line of duty, whether or not it resulted from enemy action. You indicated that no legislation was needed at present to accomplish this.

2. Office of Operations employee [redacted] returned from [redacted] with a malignant tumor and probably will never work again. Based upon the Director's statement, OO recommends that [redacted] be carried in pay status for six months beyond his accrued sick and annual leave which will expire about 30 June 1952. This is illegal.

3. The Agency has defrayed the hospital and medical costs up to the time of final diagnosis—about two weeks ago. Efforts are being made to have a branch of "Cancer" undertake the treatment at a minimum cost to [redacted].

4. The attached memorandum to the AD/O has been coordinated with the AD/P and the General Counsel and outlines the only assistance which we can offer to [redacted] under existing laws. Actually, [redacted] is not physically able to be a consultant, so this suggestion is almost meaningless. Recommend signature.

5. I have asked the General Counsel to prepare a study of this matter indicating what we can and cannot do for employees, and comparing the relative benefits to members of the service as compared to civilians.

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*Note: Re par 4. Signed by dda & sent to add on 1/28/52. CC: dda.*

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